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**DRAFT CLAIMS**

1    **1. (CANCELED)**

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3    **2. (NEW) A method for the use of a specially adapted pad apparatus for**  
4        **protecting the supportive surface of a multi-serving vessel from condensate**  
5        **damage during indoor beverage and food service, comprised of:**

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7    **a. – e. (CANCELED)**

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9        **3. (NEW ) positioning the pad of Claim 2 beneath a multi-serving vessel so**  
10       **that said pad apparatus rests upon the supportive surface of said multi-**  
11       **serving vessel; and**

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13       **4. (NEW) wherein the multi-serving vessel of Claim 3 is filled to its**  
14       **capacity with ice as well as beverages or food objects; and**

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16       **5. (NEW) wherein the pad of Claim 3 is of a size to exceed by**  
17       **one-inch the bottom of the multi-serving vessel of Claim 3; and**

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19       **6. (NEW) wherein the pad of Claim 3 captures dripping**  
20       **condensate generated by the multi-serving vessel of Claim 3;**

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32 7. (NEW) the pad of Claim 2 having a plurality of fabric layers joined by a  
33 perimeter seam, comprised of:

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35 8. (NEW) top-layer absorbent means of an outer-layer size, including at  
36 least one piece of cotton fabric, whereby condensate from a multi-serving  
37 vessel is drawn into the pad of Claim 2, preventing condensate from  
38 pooling on the surface of said pad; and

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40 9. (NEW) second-layer desorption field means of an outer-layer size,  
41 including a piece of cotton batting, whereby the pad of Claim 2 dries, thus  
42 eliminating the need for intervention during said pad's use; and

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44 10. (NEW) third-layer wicking barrier means of a mid-portion size,  
45 including a piece of coated fabric, whereby absorbed moisture is forced to  
46 move in a radial direction within the desorption field of Claim 9; and

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48 11. (NEW) bottom-layer thermal barrier means of an outer-layer size,  
49 including at least one piece of cotton batting, whereby secondary  
50 condensate is prevented from forming beneath the pad;

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52 12. (NEW) the pad of Claim 2 having a bolstered center means, including a  
53 plurality of substantially fabric layers of a mid-portion size surrounding and  
54 attached to a third-layer wicking barrier whereby the multi-serving vessel is  
55 prevented from depressing said pad's center below the edges of said pad.

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